

# The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Thursday, December 18, 1729.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Decem. 13.

Since our last arrived one Mail from Holland.

**A**Mongst the other Considerations published to Day upon corrupt Elections of Members to serve in Parliament, are, That the Quakers have always a very great Stock by them, and which they are able to increase at a very little Warning, to a very great Degree, when ever they think fit; and it has been reckoned that those People understand Buying and Selling, as well as any in the World: But if so, they then may also secure to themselves so many Representatives by the same Methods, and their Agents, which are not Quakers, manage so for them in the Burrough market, as to purchase a Majority, and get themselves voted good Christians.

'Tis generally believed that soon after the Meeting of the Parliament, the Articles of the Treaty of Peace, Friendship, &c. concluded with Spain will be made publick, and no doubt, will prove highly satisfactory to the whole Nation, notwithstanding the Reflections that are made by some of the Managers of a certain great Company, *Applauding the Treaty, before they knew any thing of the Conditions thereof.*

There was imported Yesterday from Leghorn 4500 Pound Weight of thrown Silk, and 3270 of Coral. His Majesty's Ship the Squirrel, is arrived at Portsmouth from Lisbon, with great Riches on Board for our Merchants.

When the Post came away from Deal, the Fleet of Merchant Ships of about 100 Sail, great Part whereof has lain there 2 or three Months, were all under sail, the Wind at North.

General Wade, who went down to Leicester, to quell a Mutiny of some Dragoons, and afterwards went thence to Nottingham, was last Thursday at Grantham, in his way to London; the said General it seems, by his Servants not riding before his Coach, narrowly escaped being drowned, where, and in many other Places, the Waters were

much out.

Agreeable to what was mentioned in one of our former, Colonel Chartris sailed the 9th instant at Night from Dover for Ostend: At same Time the Lord Carmichael sailed for Calais.

On Wednesday last died Thomas Aldridge Esq; one of the Registers in the High Court of Chancery, as did Yesterday Robert Whytham Esq; who formerly kept the Leg Tavern in Fleet Street, but was since Treasurer to Bartholomew's Hospital.

The Reverend Dr. East, one of the Prebends of Canterbury, is presented by the Dean and Chapter of that Cathedral, to the Rectory of St. Swithings near London-stone, of about 200 L. per Annum.

By the Holland Mail we have Letters from Amsterdam, by which we are informed by private Letters from Vienna, That it has been resolved in the Councils held there, on the Affairs relating to Don Carlos, to form next Spring four Armies in Italy, two in Mantua and Millan, and the other two in Sicily and Naples; at the same Time has ordered his Towns in Flanders to be well provided, which perhaps may be visited by the French, if Occasion require.

The Congress at Brunswick goes on slowly, and 'tis reported at Berlin, that the Treaty said to be on foot betwixt Prussia and Denmark had been signed at Copenhagen.

From the Daily Post Boy, Decem. 13:

Hague, Decem. 13. The Affair of Mecklemburg remains as much in Confusion as ever. And the King of Prussia will certainly concern himself in the Affair, and execute the Imperial Mandate, to make his Court to the Emperor.

The King of Prussia has sent Orders to finish the Fortifications of Wesel before next Spring: The Garrison whereof is to be augmented against all Events, and especially in case of the Death of the Elector Palatine, to make himself Master of the Dutchies of Bergues and Juliers, and of the Lord-

Ship

ship of Ravenstein; which last is mortgaged to this Republick.

There is some Talk of the Erection of a Tenth and Eleventh Electorate, in favour of the Duke of Mecklenburg and the Landgrave of Hesse Cassel. The View of the Imperial Court in this, is the securing a Majority in the Electoral College, so necessary to the Election of a King of the Romans and to the Continuation of the Imperial Diadem in the August House of Austria, even in the Female Line.

Mean time the Court of Vienna have sent Officers to all the Imperial Towns to raise Recruits, while they know the other Powers are diminishing their Forces. 'Tis true, there are two apparent Reasons for this Proceeding; to wit, the Treaty of Seville, so far as it relates to the Affairs of Italy, and the Support of King Augustus's Party, in case of Need.

The Council of State having presented the State of the War for the Year ensuing, the same will be sent to the other Provinces for their Approbation.

*From the St. James's Evening Post, Dec. 13.*

*Hamburg, Dec. 9.* A Captain in the Regiment of Count Guido Staremberg is come hither, with some other Imperial Officers, to raise Recruits in this City. It is said they have Orders to raise 4000 Men; and the Captain has brought a Letter from the Emperor, requiring the Magistrates to forbid all other Levies, till these Officers have raised their full Number. Our Letters from Berlin import, that upon the Arrival of a Courier, who brought News of a Peace concluded between Great Britain and Spain, a great Council was held at Potsdam, and that afterwards an Express was dispatched to the Court of Vienna. It is advised from Dresden, that the King of France had caused a Declaration to be made to that Court, 'That if in the Alliance they have concluded with the King of Prussia, there be any Articles contrary to the Peace of Oliva, his most Christian Majesty, as Guarantee of that Treaty, should think himself obliged to take proper Measures to get such Articles redressed.' All the necessary Precautions are making in the Electorate of Brandenburg, to have on Foot next Year a formidable Army.

*Hague, Dec. 13.* The States of Holland are still assembled, and will give their Consent to the Treaty of Seville before they separate; but it is not yet certain when the other Provinces will follow their Example.

*Reading, Dec. 8.* We hear that Mr. Grant has lately couched and brought to Sight two Men and one Woman, whose Ages put together make 195.

*London, Decem. 13.* On Tuesday one John Lawson a Scots Pedlar, was robb'd betwixt Illeworth and Twickenham by two Villains, of 5 l. and Goods to the Value of 12 more.

It is reported, that there will be very soon some Regulations in the Affairs of the Navy, as has been already begun among the Officers in the Army; and we hear that among other Gentlemen, Sir Stafford Fairborne, the eldest Flag Officer in the Navy of England by a just Seniority, will be restored, and particularly distinguished, for the many faithful and signal Services performed by him, and the Predecessors of his Family, in several remarkable Actions both at Sea and Land, in the Execution of their several Trusts and Commands; most of that Family having suffered and lost their Lives in the Service, for the Support of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown, from the Beginning of the Reign of King Charles I. till this Time.

*From the Evening Post, Dec. 13.*

*Vienna, Nov. 30.* On Tuesday in Presence of the Emperor, was held a Council of State, on occasion of the last Conventions made between the Kings of Poland and Prussia, and whereinto this Court proposes to enter as Guarantee. The Regulation of the Investiture of the Dutchies of Bremen and Verden is laid aside till next Year: It seems as if this Affair is thus prolonged out of Apprehension, lest the House of Hanover should grow too powerful. A Courier was dispatched Yesterday for Seville, with the Emperor's categorical Answer, with regard to the Passage into Italy of the Infante Don Carlos: Our Politicians are absolutely of Opinion, that in the approaching Spring that Country cannot fail of becoming the Theatre of War.

*Paris, Decem. 9.* We shall now be soon able to acquaint you, whether the Congress will be held here or at Soissons.

*London, Dec. 13.* We hear that the Lords of his Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, and the Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, have come to a Resolution, with respect to the Form of a Civil Government at Gibraltar; by an Incorporation of them, after the Manner of the chief Cities in England; and that the same is to consist of a Mayor, six Aldermen, eighteen common Council Men, and a Bishop.

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We are assured also, that a private Government at Portsmouth will be settled after the same Manner; only with the following Alterations, viz. instead of six Aldermen, only four, and instead of 18 Common Council Men, only 12.

Our Advices from Abroad take notice; That his Imperial Majesty is making all Preparations possible to oppose the Entrance of Don Carlos into Italy: So that it is possible the *Conclusion of a Peace may be the Beginning of a War.*

*From the Weekly Journal, Decem. 13.*

From Petersburg they write, that by means of the great Frost, the Ships which lie before the Wharf there and at Cronstot, were all unrigged.

The Affairs of Mecklenburgh still continue in the utmost Confusion; on one Hand, the States of that miserable Dutchy have received a very strict Imperial Rescript importing, That in case of any further Opposition to the Imperial Will and Pleasure, and the Resolutions of the Aulick Council, his Imperial Majesty would exert his Authority in the severest Manner. And on the other Hand, the Governor, &c. of Domitz, pursuant to Orders from the Duke Regent, has required the Inhabitants to furnish Forrage, Contributions, &c.

The King of Poland is making such incredible Preparations for War, as makes it believed he designs to fall foul of *Somebody* in the Spring.

London, Decem. 13. We have received private Intelligence, That the Reverend (or Right Reverend) Author of the famous Pamphlet, called *An Enquiry into the Conduct of Great Britain, &c.* who so well demonstrated the terrible Dangers threatening Europe, from the Succession of Don Carlos to the Dukedoms of Tuscany and Parma, is now hard at Work to prove the certain and unavoidable Mischiefs that must fall upon Europe, and particularly upon Great Britain, in case the same Don Carlos should not succeed to these Territories. At which let no Man wonder:

For he a Rope of Sand can twist,  
As tough as Learned Sorbonist;  
And weave fit Cobwebs for a Skull  
That's empty when the Moon is full;  
Such as take Lodgings in a Head  
That's to be let unfurnished,  
And forge strange Scruples, dark and nice,  
And then resolve them in a Trice.

They tell us that the Ladies of a certain Quarter of the Town have lately taken a Whim of dressing in *Gause-heads*, the Colour of which being grey,

it has this Excellence, that it appears *dirty* when it is *new*, and gives the whole *Coeffure* an Air altogether *Foreign*. It was not very long since a French Fashion, but now left off there and taken up here; so that we shew our Respect for the French, by following them at a Distance, and taking up their old-cast Fashions.

The celebrate Play call'd *Huxiathumbo* is getting up at the little Playhouse in Haymarket, at the particular Request of several Persons of Quality. Who then will say that Arts and Sciences have no Patrons left among us?

This Day the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Portmore arrived at his Lodgings in St. James's.

Edinburgh, Decem. 18. On Saturday last died at the Lawers, the Rt. Hon. Lady Jean Boyle, Daughter of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Glasgow, Spouse to the Honourable James Campbell, Esq; Colonel of the Royal Scots Dragoons: Very much regretted, being a Lady of exquisite Accomplishments. There is only a Son and Daughter Issue of the Marriage in Life.

Yesterday William Deane was carried by the City Guard to the Pillory, where he stood an Hour, pursuant to his Sentence, for his being *Aiding* and *Assisting* in the late Counterfeited Copper Coinage.

That Day a Fellow was whipt thro' the City, for stealing.

This Morning about 5 the Glasgow Post was attacked and robb'd two Miles West from Linlithgow, as he said, by six Soldiers in their Accoutrements.

We are told, that 4 Whales were last Week cast ashore in the Murray Firth.

This Day (being the 10th of the Moon) 'tis High Water at Leith at 9 o' Clock, 30 Min. Tomorrow, at 10, 18 Min. Saturday, at 11, 6 Min.

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¶ That the GREAT HOUSE newly built by James Douglas Merchant in Dalkeith, consisting of fourteen Fire-Rooms with Closets, all well box'd, and newly finish'd, having large and convenient Officehouses, a fine Garden, with young Fruit-trees, and well accommodate with good Water from a Draw-well in the Middle of the Close; lying in the South Crofts of Dalkeith: Is to be expos'd to publick Roup, upon the second Thursday of February next, 'twixt the Hours of 10 & 12 before Noon, within the House of JAMES MILN Clerk of Dalkeith, in whose Hands the Progress of Writs, &c. may be seen.

*Aberdeen, Decem. 12, 1729.*

Mr. BLACKWELL, Professor of Greek in the Marischal College, who began his Lessons of *History*, particularly the Greek and Roman, and of *Ancient Geography*, the First of this Month, continues them thrice a Week during the Session of the College.

¶ The General Meeting of the Creditors of THOMAS VEITCH, Surgeon in Edinburgh, held at Muirhead's Coffeehouse on Monday the 15th, not being so full as was expected; the Trustees did therefore Adjourn the same to Monday next the 22d Inst. at said Muirhead's Coffeehouse, at 3 o'Clock after Noon; Certifying such of the Creditors as do not then attend, by themselves or Others, That the Trustees will proceed to sell the Houses dispos'd to them; for what can be got for the same, so as they may be discharged of their Trust; and that, whether they have their Concurrence or not.

¶ That by Order of the Trustees for the Creditors of WILLIAM DOUGLAS younger of GLENBERVY, the Roup and Sale of the Lands and Barony of FOODY and FINGASK, is Prorogate to Tuesday the 27th of January, next, in the House of Mrs. Thom Vintner in Edinburgh, betwixt the Hours of 3 & 4 in the Afternoon. The Rental, Progress and Conditions of Sale, are to be seen in the Hands of William Forbes Writer to the Signet, at his Chamber, in the Parliament Close.

¶ That Mr. ADAIR's Coasting MAPS, from Sunderland-Point in England to Old Aberdeen, taking in the Firth of Forth and Tay, &c. (with the General Map of Scotland by King JAMES V.) Are to be Sold at Mr. THOMAS HERIOT's Shop in the Parliament Close, and those of the other Booksellers in Town; at Twelve Shillings Sterling, with the *Descriptions*, and at Six Shillings separately.

¶ That on Monday next the 22d Instant, there is to be expos'd to Sale by way of Roup, at the Mansion-house of Kirkhill, in the Parish of Uphall and Sheriffdom of Linlithgow, at 10 of the Clock before Noon, a considerable Quantity of OATS, BEAR and PEASE, partly thresh-

ing, and partly in the Stalk: As also, several HORSES and COWS, and all kinds of HOUSEHOLD PLENISHING and LABOURING UTENSILS.

### By ADJOURNMENT,

¶ That the Lands of *Easter-Harburnhead*, of L. 538. 06, 08 Scots yearly Rent, with a convenient Dwelling-House two Storeys high, with good and convenient Office-houses, all lately repaired, and some little planted Inclosures. The Lands of *Wester-Harburnhead*, L. 266 13 04. *Middle-Muir*, L. 72 13 04. 16 Bolls Meal. The Lands of *Camilty* and *Camilty-Mill*, L. 337 00 04; Eight Bolls Meal: All lying contiguous. The Lands of *Dressbrig* and *Sandigate*, L. 109 Money, 10 Bolls Meal, 1 Boll Oats; a Pendicle thereof call'd *Backstonford*, L. 26 06 08 Money, 4 Bolls Meal. The Lands of *Well-heads* of *Williamston*, L. 191 02 04 Money, 10 Bolls Meal: Extending in all to L. 1541. 69 04 Scots Money; 3 Chalders Meal, and one Boll Oats of yearly Rent; all lying within the Parishes of Mid and West Calders, and Sheriffdom of Edinburgh; all set to good and sufficient Tenants, at the above Rent, conform to Tacks. To be holden Feu of the Crown, or of the Right Honourable the Lord of Torphichen: ARE to be Roup'd and Sold on Friday the Nineteenth of December Inst. in the House of Robert Broun Vintner in Edinburgh, 'twixt the Hours of 3 & 4 after Noon, jointly or separately; as hereto subjoin'd, in five different Parcels. The Rental, Progress, and Conditions of Roup to be seen in the Hands of JAMES SCOT Writer in Edinburgh, at his House in Byres's Close, or George Dick Writer in Mid-Calder. *Nota*. The Lands are very improvable, being partly Muir and partly Dale-Lands; a Slate Quarey in the Lands of *Easter-Harburnhead*, Moss in several of the Mailings, and a Lime Quarey in *Backstonford*, and lying near to several Coal-heughs.

1. *Easter Harburnhead* and *Middlemuir*.
2. *Wester-Harburnhead*.
3. *Camilty* and *Camiltymuir*.
4. *Wellheadlands* of *Williamston*.
5. *Dressbrig*, *Sandigate* and *Backstonford*.

*Nota*. If any Person has a mind to purchase upon reasonable Terms, before the Day of Roup, they may enquire at the said James Scot, or George Dick; at both which Places they may be treated with.

¶ That the Lands of BYERS, lying within the Parish of Bachgate and Sheriffdom of Linlithgow, of about L. 50 sterl. yearly Rent, and holding Feu of the Crown for Payment of 8 Merks yearly; as also the Lands of GARVIE-SIDE and BROTHERSTON, with a convenient Dwelling-house two Storeys high, Officehouses and Dovecoat, lying in the Parish of West-Calder and Sheriffdom of Edinburgh, of about L. 50 sterl. yearly Rent, to be holden of the Crown or of a Subject: ARE to be Roup'd and Sold upon Monday the 22d of December Inst. in the House of Robert Broun Vintner in Edinburgh, betwixt the Hour of 3 & 4 in the Afternoon, jointly or separately. The Rental, Progress and Conditions of Roup to be seen the Hands of James Scot Writer in Edr. at his House in Byer's Close.

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